



HB338: Resource Stewardship Director

House Sponsor: Paul Cutler

Senate Sponsor: Nate Blouin

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What this bill does:

- Moves the “Resource stewardship” role from Gov Ops to DEQ



**Utah Department of
Government Operations**

Focused on:

- *Air quality only*
- *internal state operations*

Resource Stewardship Coordinator

2016



**UTAH DEPARTMENT of
ENVIRONMENTAL
QUALITY**

- *air quality, water, waste mgmnt*
- *internal state operations*

Resource Stewardship Director

2023



Advantages of the move to DEQ:

- Expanded focus beyond air quality to include land and water
- Direct access to subject matter experts: air quality, water quality, recycling, waste management, and environmental contamination
- Leverage DEQ Communications team to amplify messaging: graphic design, photo/video editing, media training, PR, web expertise etc
- DGO/DEQ continue to partner on statewide DGO projects: buildings, fleet, and cooperative contracts
- Reports annually to the **Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environmental Interim Committee** on the best practices to improve quality of **air, water, and land**



What does the Resource Stewardship Coordinator/Director work on?

- Division of Natural Resources water conservation efforts
- State fleet electrification efforts
- The Division of Facilities and Construction Management's electric lawn mower equipment pilot
- The Rural EV Workforce Development Initiative that provides training programs for qualified EV technicians to maintain and repair these vehicles
- Proposed statewide state agency waste management plan expansion (includes minimizing wastes and improved recycling efforts)



FISCAL NOTE

State Government

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Revenues	<i>FY 2023</i>	<i>FY 2024</i>	<i>FY 2025</i>
Total Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0

Enactment of this legislation likely will not materially impact state revenue.

Expenditures	<i>FY 2023</i>	<i>FY 2024</i>	<i>FY 2025</i>
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0
Dedicated Credits Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Expenditures	\$0	\$0	\$0

Enactment of this legislation could result in ongoing cost savings of (\$137,500) from the General Fund and (\$15,200) in Dedicated Credits to the Department of Government Operations. The legislation could also cost the Department of Environmental Quality additional \$137,500 from the General Fund and \$15,200 in Dedicated Credits, starting in FY 2024.

	<i>FY 2023</i>	<i>FY 2024</i>	<i>FY 2025</i>
Net All Funds (rev-exp)	\$0	\$0	\$0

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